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**SENATOR CAROL LIU'S ROAD TO RESILIENCE TOUR:
OVERCOMING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS**

Fresno – Sen. Carol Liu (D-La Cañada, Flintridge) will visit two sites in Fresno County during her *California Road to Resilience Tour: Overcoming Hunger and Homelessness*. The Senator joined on the tour by advocates, researchers, and media representatives to explore the effects of the recession on families and seniors who now face hunger and homelessness in greater numbers than ever.

With double-digit unemployment, record numbers of under-employed, and slow economic recovery, the Great Recession has left more than one in six Californians (over 14 percent) living in poverty. In this economy, many are experiencing poverty for the first time due to a job loss, a medical condition, or diminished retirement savings. Any of these events might lead to hunger and homelessness for an individual or an entire family.

“Some families have had the odds stacked against them from the start,” said Sen. Liu. “The people I speak with are anxious to improve their lives and the lives of their children, but they cannot do it alone.” Senator Liu will illuminate two sites in the community that effectively work to help those in poverty to find pathways to well-being and economic prosperity.

In Fresno, where good work is helping alleviate hunger and homelessness, the Senator and tour participants will arrive at Safe Place/Sanctuary Outreach to the Streets (2336 Calaveras Street, Fresno, CA 93721) at 5:30 PM on August 12th. From there, on August 13th at 9:00 AM, the group will visit Catholic Charities of Fresno (149 North Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93701). Visits of the respective programs will be followed by round table discussions, which will include invited local officials, the service providers of these community centers, members of the community who receive these services, and the media.

Sen. Liu represents about 930,000 people in the 21st Senate District, which includes Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, San Gabriel, Temple City, and several City and County of Los Angeles communities.

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